



## Dorothy Mae Hardison

April 7, 1934 - December 29, 2023

Dorothy Mae (Houston) Hardison passed peacefully into the arms of the Lord December 29, 2023 in Pulaski, Tennessee at the age of 89. She was the oldest daughter of the late William

Albert Houston and Emma Lee Houston.

She joins her beloved husband Claude Elwood

Hardison Sr. and son Claude Elwood Hardison Jr. in Heaven. Dorothy was also proceeded in

death by in-laws, Leon and Sarah Hardison, brothers: David Alexander Houston Sr., Butley

Houston, William Albert Houston Jr. sisters: Carrie Lee Houston and Laura Louise Allen.

Dorothy Mae Houston was born April 7, 1934 in Pulaski, Tennessee. Her warm smile made you

feel good. She was joyful and loving. Dorothy attended Bridgeforth High School and began her

employment at Genesco. Later, she was employed by the Harwell family. This employment

evolved into a close relationship that continued to her passing. She enjoyed traveling with the

family, gardening, socializing with friends and family, watching television,

caring for her cats  
and watching hummingbirds from her window.  
Dorothy Mae Houston married Claude Elwood Hardison Sr. in 1953. They  
were married for  
forty-three years. To this union, four children were born: two sons and two  
daughters. Dorothy  
was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt.  
She enjoyed being  
surrounded by her family. One of Dorothy's greatest pleasures was  
celebrating her birthday with  
her sons, "Bubba" Claude (deceased) and Steve. After Dorothy became ill,  
her daughters Judy  
and Teresa lovingly provided excellent care for her. Despite her illness, she  
continued  
supporting and encouraging her loved ones. She was a beacon of love and a  
source of joy for all.  
Dorothy accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and united with Beulah Baptist  
Church under the  
leadership of Reverend J. W. Lee. Later, she joined Taylor Street Church of  
Christ. She was an  
active member and served faithfully until illness prevented her from attending.  
Dorothy leaves a  
rich legacy of love and dedication.  
Family and friends will forever keep Dorothy in their hearts. She leaves to  
cherish her memories  
daughters: Judy Marie (Jeffery) Driver and Tereta/Teresa Augusta Hardison  
(Pulaski, TN); son  
Steve LaVelle (Jackie) Hardison (Chicago, IL); daughter-in-law Lillian  
Hardison (Chicago, IL);  
grandsons Ernest Lee (Shambria) Ballentine (Pulaski, TN), Cory Terrell  
(Latannia) Ballentine

(Vicenza, Italy), Tory Terrell Hardison (Pulaski, TN), Ryan Flippen, (Chicago, IL); granddaughters Kimyada Chandre (Dale) Nelson, Chasity Capri Hardison, Tanisha Lashae Hardison all from Pulaski, TN, Bria Crawford (Chicago, IL); brothers Burley (Helen) Houston (Pontiac, MI), Buford (Yvette) Houston (Chicago, IL), Martha Marie (Gerald) Martin (Brentwood, TN), Sandra Faye (Johnny) Allen (Inkster, MI) also great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins and friends.

Visitation with family January 6th, 2024 at 11: 00pm-12:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

Funeral Service January 6th, 2024 at 12:00 noon in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory  
– interment to immediately follow

Maplewood Cemetery  
Bro. Marcus Houston Eulogist

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Dorothy Mae Hardison.

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentin Street  
Pulaski, TN 38478

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory  
1910 Elkton Pike  
Pulaski, TN 38478  
(931) 363-0828  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Willa Alexander lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison*



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**Willa Alexander** - January 06, 2024 at 02:03 AM

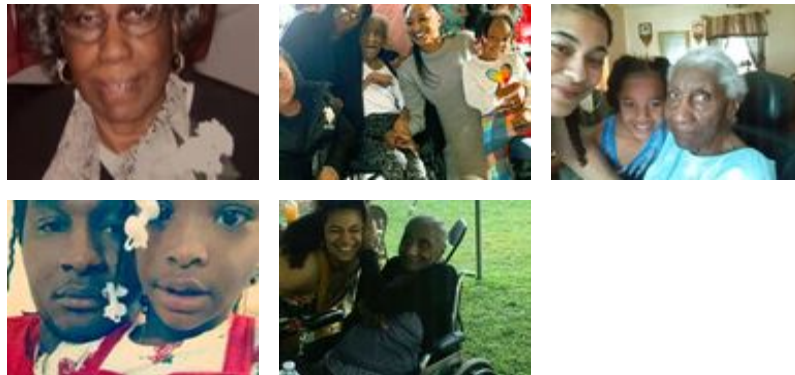


*She was such a sweet woman. Loved her family and God. I'll always remember her sitting in her chair with her cat*

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**Willa Alexander** - January 06, 2024 at 02:05 AM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory** - January 05, 2024 at 02:53 PM

TA

“ TammyNilesSimmons lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison



TammyNilesSimmons - January 04, 2024 at 08:36 PM

NR

“ My Condolences My Mom and Mrs.Dorothy worked together raised their children Knowing each other Lived down the Street from each other My Mom Sents her Condolences Prayers to you All...God is a God of Comfort



Nikki Rivers - January 03, 2024 at 10:49 PM

LM

“ Love and miss you Aunt Dorothy!!



Lisa Morris - January 03, 2024 at 06:38 PM

AM

“ I am so thankful to God that I was able to see her on Thanksgiving. I love you Aunt Dorothy. I will miss you.



Angela McFarland - January 03, 2024 at 04:48 PM

CB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Cory Ballentine** - January 03, 2024 at 01:25 PM

CB

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



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**Cory Ballentine** - January 03, 2024 at 01:09 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Cory Ballentine** - January 03, 2024 at 12:57 PM

VB

“ Vickie Burwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison



Vickie Burwell - January 02, 2024 at 10:55 PM

CJ

“ Connie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison



Connie Jackson - January 02, 2024 at 10:51 PM

MH

“ Our condolences with love from Connie, Monica, and Butley Jr. Houston. Love you



Monica Houston - January 02, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ Connie English lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison



Connie English - January 02, 2024 at 08:26 PM

TS

“ *TammyNiles Simmons lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison*



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**TammyNiles Simmons** - January 02, 2024 at 07:50 PM

LD

“ *Lawanda Daniels lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison*



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**Lawanda Daniels** - January 02, 2024 at 07:38 PM

CC

“ *Deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers.. Love Marie & Crystal Cotham*



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**crystal cotham** - January 02, 2024 at 07:21 PM

LG

“ *Lori Cheatham Gentry lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison*



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**Lori Cheatham Gentry** - January 02, 2024 at 07:13 PM

AM

“ *Prayers of comfort and peace to the family*



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**Amber Massey** - January 02, 2024 at 06:11 PM

CG

“ *Crystal Gentry lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Hardison*



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**Crystal Gentry** - January 02, 2024 at 06:06 PM